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Assistant Commissioner of Patents:

Enclosed is a replacement Appeal Brief and a replacement of the amendment accompanying the brief. In the prior submission, mailed 9/19, Claims 40-46 were inadvertently omitted from the brief and were not cancelled in the amendment, as Applicant had intended. The enclosed brief and amendment correct this problem and cancel Claims 40-46.

Sincerely,

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